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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 26, 1973

Dear Sy:

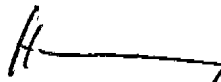
Thank you for your kind letters of December 14 and 26. As you know, I very much regret that you won't be working with us in the new Congress.

The breadth of your experience in foreign affairs and especially international narcotics control is indeed outstanding. I have informed the appropriate people here that you might be available to serve in a capacity befitting your qualifications and hope that something can be arranged.

I am flattered by your request for my views on how best to achieve a peaceful world, but I am afraid that it would be inappropriate for me to make such a comment while I am in my present position.

I am pleased to enclose my photograph.

Warm regards,



Henry A. Kissinger

Enclosure

The Honorable Seymour Halpern
166-05 Highland Avenue
Jamaica, New York



To: Sy Halpern
With the light regard and
good wishes of his friends
H. Halpern

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ACTION

10 January 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: HENRY A. KISSINGER
FROM: J. F. LEHMAN
SUBJECT: Reply to ex-Congressman Halpern

As you know, Seymour Halpern has retired from Congress.

At Tab D is a letter from him in which he surveys his experience in international narcotics control and foreign affairs in general. He asks your thoughts on finding him a suitable role, on the NSC, State or the United Nations.

odd At Tab C is another letter dated a fortnight later containing a weird request for your views or formulas for world peace (?!). He also wants an inscribed photo.

At Tab B is a photo for you to inscribe to him.

At Tab A is a draft reply.

I have sent a copy of his letter expressing interest in a job to Bill Timmons for forwarding to Malek.

RECOMMENDATION:

That you inscribe the photo at Tab B and sign the draft reply at Tab A.

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166-05 Highland Avenue
Jamaica, New York
December 26, 1972

Dr. Henry Kissinger
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Henry:

I have undertaken a special study of viewpoints of leading world personalities in various fields of endeavors on means of achieving a lasting world peace.

The subject of a lasting peace is one of continuing concern for all of us. I know of no one more equipped to express himself than you. I am making an objective analysis of such opinions and believe it will serve a most meaningful purpose.

You could be most helpful to me in this project by giving me an expression of your own views or formulas on the most effective means to achieve a peaceful world.

Surely you have some overall observations on the subject -- such as your feeling on what we as a nation can do to contribute toward a peaceful world and what the community of nations might do towards this goal -- and perhaps some deep-rooted thoughts or philosophical views which you wish to express.

I certainly would appreciate hearing from you on this most important of subjects, and you may be sure that I will greatly value your response. Also, as one who greatly respects your talents, I would be most appreciative if you could include an inscribed photograph of yourself in your reply.

With my highest regard and all my best wishes for the New Year, I am

Most sincerely,



Seymour Halpern
Member of Congress

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December 14, 1972

Hon. Henry A. Kissinger
Assistant to the President
National Security Council
Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Henry:

My compliments to you on your historic efforts in Paris. Unquestionably these efforts will not only bring peace in Southeast Asia but will contribute significantly toward the attainment of a peaceful world.

You know of my lengthy talks 18 months ago with the PRG and the North Vietnamese and I deeply appreciate your assessment of my meetings as being "most responsible." You also are aware of my talks with the representatives of the People's Republic of China on the subject of narcotics controls and of China's potential participation in the international pacts and bodies.

Beyond these bilateral meetings have been my roles in several other international matters. Since the inception of the Asian Development Bank I have been a U.S. Delegate to this international leading agency. Likewise, I have been a delegate to the Inter-American Development Bank Board of Governor's conferences for 11 consecutive years.

In 1971 I was a member of the U.S. Delegation to the United Nations Conference on Psychotropic Drugs in Vienna. I also served as congressional adviser on the U.S. Delegation to the Preparatory Meeting in Geneva for the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment. And in June of this year I was a participating delegate to the United Nations Human Environment Conference in Stockholm.

I might add that in March of this year I was a member of our delegation to the United Nations Conference to Amend the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs in Geneva, during which time I succeeded

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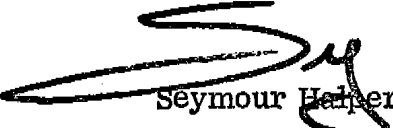
in having several valuable bilateral talks with representatives of 12 nations involved in some form or another in opium cultivation or trafficking. On this subject, earlier I wrote a special report for the Foreign Affairs Committee which you may wish to see. It outlines my findings in the several countries I visited including Turkey where I met with the representatives of all the political parties as well as with that nation's leaders in what Ambassador Handley described in a State Department communique "as most significant talks toward attaining U.S. -Turkish agreement on poppy eradication." I am enclosing a copy of that report.

We all know our pluses and minuses and I know of my ability to work well with representatives of other nations. I feel at home at this type of activity and, of all the avenues open to me now that I will wind up my congressional affairs by December 31st, this is the area I feel I would like most to devote myself and where I believe I can make the most effective contributions.

That is why I come to you as one I respect so highly and who, in turn, I am sure can see the value of such background as mine in appropriate perspective. Needless to say, Henry, I would appreciate any thoughts or recommendations you may have for a suitable role for me---perhaps in your own office; perhaps in State; perhaps in a special mission; or perhaps in an appropriate role at the United Nations, which I feel would be ideal.

Thanks ever so much for whatever hand you can lend, and with all my best wishes, to you in all your endeavors always, I am

Warmly and sincerely,


Seymour Halpern